

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a processor;

a memory; and

a group interaction application maintained in the memory and executed on the processor to present a graphical user interface associated with [[a]] the group interaction application for facilitating a group interaction among a first user and one or more other users, the graphical user interface comprising:

a group identification area configured to display visual representations of a plurality of online social groups in which the first user is a member, wherein:

a user's membership in the group is maintained when the user

is offline; and

wherein the visual representations of online social groups are automatically arranged by at least one of one of:

a geographic location associated with a member of one of the online social groups, groups;

a date and time of a most recent communication between the first user and another member of one of the online social groups, and groups; and

a frequency of communication between the first user and another member of one of the online social groups; and a group activities menu comprising one or more selectable items representing social activities in which the first user, as a member of a selected group may participate, such that a plurality of group activities in which a member of the selected group who is logged on via a mobile device may participate is different than a plurality of group activities in which a member of the selected group who is logged on via a non-mobile device may participate.

2. (Currently Amended) The system graphical user interface as recited in claim 1 wherein a selected group is represented by one of the visual representations, the graphical user interface further comprising a group details area configured to display a group name associated with the selected group.

3. (Currently Amended) The system graphical user interface as recited in claim 1 wherein the visual representations of online social groups are filtered, at least in part, based on geographical location information associated with one or more members of the online social groups.

4. (Currently Amended) The system graphical user interface as recited in claim 1 wherein the visual representations of online social groups are filtered, at least in part, based on frequency of communication between the first user and one or more members of the online social groups.

5. (Currently Amended) The system graphical user interface as recited in claim 1 wherein the visual representations of online social groups are filtered, at least in part, based on a date and time of a most recent communication between the first user and one or more members of the online social groups.

6. (Currently Amended) The system graphical user interface as recited in claim 1, the graphical user interface further comprising a personal representation area configured to display a configurable avatar associated with the first user.

7. (Currently Amended) The system graphical user interface as recited in claim 6 wherein the avatar comprises a visual representation of the first user that is displayed to other online members of online social groups to which the user belongs.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 6 wherein the avatar comprises a visual representation of the first user that is displayed to other online individuals with which the first user has a relationship.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 6 wherein the personal representation area is further configured to display a username and presence information associated with the first user wherein the username and presence information may be displayed to other online members of online social groups to which the user belongs.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 6 wherein the personal representation area is further configured to display a username and presence information associated with the first user wherein the username and presence information may be displayed to other online individuals with which the first user has a relationship.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 6 wherein the personal representation area is further configured to display a username associated with the first user.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 1, the graphical user interface further comprising a group details area configured to display data associated with a selected one of the plurality of online social groups.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 12 wherein the data associated with the selected one of the plurality of online social groups comprises at least one of a group name associated with the selected group, presence information associated with the selected group, presence information associated with online members of the selected group, and a visual representation of an activity in which one or more online members of the selected group are participating.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 1 ~~claim 14~~ wherein the social activities represented by the selectable items of the group activities menu are selected from a group of social activities comprising calling, inviting, sending a wink, sending a bubble, sending a file, sharing an image, sharing audio, sending a calling card, and viewing group history.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 1 ~~claim 16~~ wherein the non-mobile device comprises a desktop computer system.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 1 ~~claim 14~~ wherein the social activities in which a mobile member of the selected group may participate comprise a group of activities that are available to group members who are mobile but that are not available to a group member who is logged on via a non-mobile device.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 18 wherein the non-mobile device comprises a desktop computer system.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 1 implemented as a ~~on a~~ mobile device.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~system graphical user interface as~~ recited in claim 20 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a car stereo system, a portable television, a portable DVD player, a portable stereo system, a wearable computing device, a watch, a bracelet, a necklace, a pendant, and a digital picture frame.

22-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media ~~comprising encoded with~~ computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a processor of a mobile device, cause the mobile device ~~a computer system to~~ perform a method, the method comprising:

presenting ~~present~~ a graphical user interface that displays:

an avatar implemented as a visual representation of a user of the mobile device, wherein the avatar is displayed to other online members of peer-to-peer online social groups to which the user belongs; and

~~displays visual representations of a plurality of peer-to-peer online social groups to which the user belongs, each of the peer-to-peer online social groups comprising two or more members, wherein the visual representations of the plurality of groups are arranged based on at least one of~~

wherein:

individual ones of the two or more members may be offline, and therefore not currently available for social interaction via the group;

the visual representations of the plurality of groups are arranged based on at least one of:

a relationship between geographic locations associated with the ~~groups,~~ groups;

a date and time of a most recent group communication involving the particular user; and

a frequency of communication between a first member of the groups and other members of the groups; and

the visual representations of the plurality of groups are filtered based on at least one of:

a frequency of communication between a first member of the groups and other members of the groups;

a date and time of a most recent group communication involving the particular user; and

a relationship between geographic locations associated with the groups;

automatically ~~establish~~ establishing a connection between the computer system being used by the particular user ~~a first member of the groups~~ and a second computer system being used by another member of at least one group of the plurality of groups;

in response to receiving a user selection of a particular one of the visual representations of the online social groups, displaying a collection of one or more selectable items, each representing a social activity in which the user may participate as part of the online social group represented by the particular one of the visual representations of the online social groups, wherein the collection of one or more selectable items, each representing a social activity is different than a collection of social activities available to another member of the same online social group who is using a non-mobile device.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 32 wherein the ~~second~~-computer system comprises a mobile device.

35. (Currently Amended) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 32 wherein the ~~second~~-computer system comprises a non-mobile device.

36. (Original) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 32 further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed, cause a computer system to:

receive a user selection of a graphical element and an audio element; and

transmit the graphical and audio elements to a group member such that in an event that the group member is online, the graphical and audio elements are automatically presented to the group member.

37. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:

a device-specific processor;

a communication interface configured to establish a connection between the mobile device and another device; and

a user interface executed by the device-specific processor configured to enable a user of the mobile device to participate in an online group interaction with one or more other members of a group, wherein membership in the group is maintained when a user is offline.

38. (Original) The mobile device as recited in claim 37, implemented as a cellular telephone.

39. (Original) The mobile device as recited in claim 37, wherein the online group interaction is selected from a group of online group interactions comprising a group instant messaging activity, a group image sharing activity, a group video sharing activity, a group audio sharing activity, transmission of an electronic wink to one or more members of the group, and transmission of an electronic message bubble to one or more members of the group.